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## ALL SET UP

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# A FORCE LESS POWERFUL

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The long-delayed Police Sub-Inspector (PSI) recruitment process in Karnataka has suffered another setback, with the Karnataka State Administrative Tribunal (KAT) issuing a stay order recently, effectively halting appointments of selected candidates. This latest development, coming amid recent changes in recruitment rules, has further delayed the induction of new officers, widening the gap between sanctioned strength and the state's policing requirements.

The recruitment process for 545 PSI (Civil) posts has been put on hold following the Tribunal's interim order. According to a communication issued by the Director General of Police (Recruitment) on October 4, the KAT granted a stay while hearing petitions filed by Tejas V and others. The petitioners have sought cancellation of the final selection list.

In compliance with the KAT's directive, the DGP instructed police officials across zones, including Commissioners of Police in Bengaluru, Belagavi, and Kalaburagi, as well as Inspectors General and Deputy Inspectors General in other regions, to suspend all processes related to PSI recruitment until further orders.

> **"The police service operates round the clock. Officers are on call at any time of the day, which takes a toll on their physical and mental health**
>
> — Former police officer

The petitioners have raised objections to the selection of 40 candidates from the Hyderabad-Karnataka region, chosen under a controversial government circular dated February 1, 2023. This circular had already

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# Life & death in a metro

Bengaluru's accidental deaths nearly 4 times that of Chennai, and 9 times that of Hyderabad in 2023

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Bengaluru's total accidental deaths (4,414) exceed those of Chennai (1,110) by nearly four times and Hyderabad (491) by almost nine times. Even industrial hubs such as Ahmedabad (2,092) and Jaipur (2,641) fall short of Bengaluru's toll. The fact that Bengaluru's fatalities outnumber Delhi's by over 900 deaths underscores the combined impact of urban congestion, rapid vehicular growth, and high-risk commuting patterns, according to NCRB 2023 data.

Several smaller urban centers also show interesting age-gender dynamics. Coimbatore reported 1,407 deaths, heavily skewed toward males (1,150), while Faridabad and Kanpur similarly had disproportionately high male fatalities. Even cities like Agra (688) and Asansol (989) show high male-fatality ratios, though total numbers remain far below Bengaluru.

The predominance of male fatalities hints strongly that working-age adults form the most vulnerable demographic, facing risks both on roads and at workplaces. Combined with Bengaluru's year-round traffic accident burden, rapid urbanisation, and congested transport corridors, the city presents a structural risk environment for accidental deaths, said the report.

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## THINGS TO DO

### 01 Tales of trailblazers

The Auroville Theatre Group is presenting 'Call me Devika', a play about Devika Rani, who co-founded Bombay Talkies, one of India's earliest film studios, with her husband Himanshu Rai. The play is the first in a longer series exploring the inner lives and legacies of forgotten women who shaped history in invisible ways.
**Where: Jagriti Theatre, Whitefield;**
**When: October 31, 3.30 pm and 7.30 pm**

### 02 Weaving wonders

Rajasthan Grameen Mela organised by artisans from across the country is holding an exhibition-cum-sale featuring a vast range of cotton, silk, handloom, handicraft products and jewellery from all over India.
**Where: Sri Hari Kalyana Mandapa, Banashankari;**
**When: Until October 26, 10 am to 9 pm**

### 03 Musical journey

Raghu Dixit will be taking the stage for a spectacular Silver Jubilee celebration of timeless tunes and unforgettable performances. From folk soul to rock fusion, the performance is set to take the audience on a melodious journey.
**Where: Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield;**
**When: October 11, 7 pm**

### 04 Blissful melody

Windmills is presenting Barmer Boys, the globally renowned torchbearers of Rajasthan's Manganiyar musical tradition. Blending the soulful depth of ancient folk and Sufi sounds with contemporary spirit, Barmer Boys bring India's desert music to life on international stages.
**Where: Windmills, Whitefield;**
**When: October 10, 11, 9.30 pm**

### 05 Artistic escape

Anek Art Collective is presenting its maiden group exhibition, '8 Artists, 8 Narratives', a celebration of the diverse styles of artworks from its talented artists. The collective, whose name 'Anek' means 'multitude,' reflects a group identity at the intersection of divergent creative perspectives.
**Where: Karnataka Chitrakala Parisath;**
**When: October 8 to 12, 10.30 am to 7 pm**

# Rise in child myopia linked to screen time

## Doctors say staring at screens for long time can increase risk of myopia, recommend spending time outdoors for good eye health

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With rising screen time among children, doctors are noticing a steady increase in cases of myopia, otherwise known as nearsightedness. Health experts say that one of the simplest ways to tackle this problem is by encouraging children to spend more time outdoors.

Studies around the world have shown that outdoor play and exposure to natural daylight helps slow down the progression of myopia in children. "Myopia among children is becoming very common today. Outdoor activities play a crucial role in reducing this risk. Exposure to daylight stimulates the release of dopamine from certain retinal cells, which helps prevent excessive eye growth, the main cause of myopia," said Dr Sandeep Patil, Consultant & HOD, Ophthalmology, Sakra World Hospital.

Children who spend more time outdoors are generally healthier, have stronger eyesight, and show slower progression of myopia. "On the other hand, excessive near work such as reading, gaming, or using mobiles and tablets at close distances can strain the eyes and worsen the condition," said Dr Patil, adding that spending at least two hours outdoors every day, using the correct power of glasses, and following a nutritious diet can help control myopia and maintain good eye health.

Experts also urge parents and schools to ensure that children get enough outdoor time during the day.

Experts say children must have regular exposure to daylight through outdoor play to prevent myopia

**Exposure to daylight stimulates release of dopamine from certain retinal cells, helping prevent excessive eye growth which may cause myopia, says doctor**

Dr Sheetal Ballal, Consultant, Ophthalmology, Manipal Hospital, Old Airport Road, said that myopia has emerged as a global epidemic affecting mainly children. She noted that the rising prevalence of myopia in early childhood increases the risk of developing high myopia and related sight-threatening conditions in adulthood. Given that genetic factors have remained relatively stable, this sharp rise highlights the profound influence of environmental and lifestyle factors on the condition, she said. Dr Ballal said that various studies have demonstrated that outdoor time has a protective effect against the onset of myopia. "Research shows that an increase of roughly 76 minutes of outdoor activity per day in sunlight can lead to a 56 per cent reduction in the risk of myopia. In our practice too, we see that encouraging children to engage in outdoor activities is highly beneficial in controlling the progression of myopia," said Dr Ballal, highlighting that the protective effect of outdoor activities is related both to the duration and the intensity of light exposure.

Dr Ballal pointed out that lifestyle changes in children today, with more time spent indoors on entertainment and educational activities, have made them more vulnerable to myopia. "Each additional hour spent outdoors provides further protection against the progression of myopia. Beyond eye health, outdoor play also supports overall well-being by reducing risks linked with conditions such as Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), asthma, and stress," said Dr Ballal.

# All ticketing platforms have a high success rate: BMRCL

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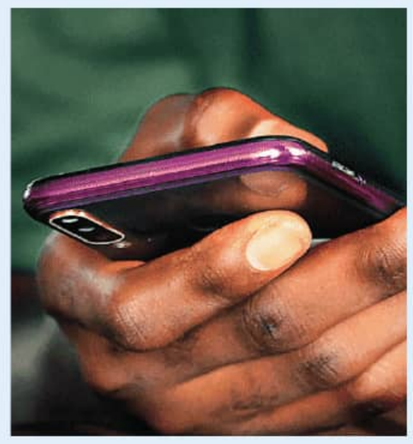
Following a report by Bangalore Mirror on October 5, regarding glitches in the metro matrix, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) issued a clarification.

BMRCL stated that its digital ticketing platforms, including the Namma Metro App, WhatsApp, and Ticket Vending Machines, consistently operate with a success rate between 98 per cent and 99 per cent. Transaction failures are exceptionally rare, at approximately 0.65 per cent.



The corporation further emphasised that all failed transactions are automatically refunded, with the credit timelines determined by commuters' respective banks. In most cases, refunds are processed well within the seven-day banking limit. BMRCL also clarified that there are no pending refunds at its end.

For any transaction-related queries or complaints, commuters may contact the BMRCL Helpline at 1800-425-12345 or email travelhelp@bmrc.co.in. The corporation assured that all genuine grievances are promptly attended to.

# Wait till next May for Elevated Pink Line ride

Bengaluru's wait for the Elevated Pink Line just got longer — the metro stretch between Kalena Agrahara and Tavarekere (Swagath Road Cross) is now expected to open only by May 2026. The Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL), which had earlier promised a 2025 launch, has pushed the deadline yet again due to construction delays and pending approvals.

Sources said that the 7.5-km elevated corridor will initially operate with three to four train sets, connecting key southern hubs like Hulimavu, IIM-Bangalore, JP Nagar 4th Phase, and Jayadeva. BMRCL has tied up with BEML for 60 new train sets for both the Pink and Blue Lines, with the first prototype expected later this month. Testing will be carried out at the Kothanur depot before full operations begin. Once complete, the Pink Line will link seamlessly with the Jayadeva Interchange and the Silk Board–KR Puram Blue Line, promising smoother east–west travel. **–BMB**

# KEA issues notification for recruitment

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has announced a recruitment notification to fill various vacant posts across government departments, corporations, and boards through direct appointment. Candidates can apply online via the official website at http://kea.kar.nic.in, as per the eligibility criteria set by the state government.

Once submitted, applications cannot be edited or modified. A prescribed fee must be paid for the first post applied, with an additional Rs 100 charge for each extra post. The recruitment covers several organisations, including Bangalore Development Authority (18 posts), Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Ltd (14), Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (40), KKRTC (63), NWKRTC (19), Department of Agricultural Marketing (180), Department of Technical Education (50), and School Education Department (10). KEA has stated that any changes, if necessary, will be notified. **–BMB**

# Onion and garlic prices drop, farmers hit hard

Onion and garlic prices, which usually soar during October–November, have dropped sharply this year, bringing relief to consumers but pushing farmers into distress. Following two years of profitable yields, large-scale onion cultivation across Karnataka, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh — coupled with unsold old stock in Maharashtra — has led to oversupply and a steep price fall. With export bans to Bangladesh and Sri Lanka still in place, and those countries now growing their own onions, market demand has slumped further. At Yeshwanthpur APMC, quality onions are now selling for just Rs 2 to Rs 5 per kg wholesale, and Rs 10 to Rs 20 in retail — far below past rates.

Garlic prices too have crashed from last year's record Rs 400 per kg to around Rs 80. Wholesale prices have halved within a month, with top-quality garlic now fetching only Rs 6,000 per quintal. **–BMB**

## Online romance ends in ₹2.2 crore fraud

A 57-year-old school teacher was defrauded of ₹2.2 crore over five years by a fraudster she met on a matrimonial app.

The victim, R Chauhan, who had lost her husband, joined the app in December 2019. She matched with 'Aahan Kumar A', who claimed to be a US citizen and a drilling engineer in Turkey. Without ever seeing his photograph or meeting him online, she began chatting with him on WhatsApp.

Gaining her trust, the man began seeking financial help — first citing a lack of money for food, later repairs for storm-damaged rigs, fines, and medical expenses. Over time, Chauhan transferred more than ₹2.27 crore from her savings to an account he directed, believing it to be a loan that would be repaid once his contract ended. The deception came to light when he demanded ₹3.5 lakh and ignored her repeated pleas to return the money. **BMB**

## HOD accused of misbehaving with student

The Tilaknagar police have registered a case against the Head of Department of a private college for allegedly sexually harassing a student after inviting her to his home for lunch last Thursday.

According to the complaint filed by a third-year BCA student, the accused had invited her to his home under the pretext of having lunch with his family. Upon arriving, the victim realised the HOD was alone. He offered her refreshments, which she refused as she began feeling uneasy. The complaint states that he mentioned her attendance shortage and promised to help her secure full attendance and marks. Moments later, he allegedly began touching her inappropriately. Shocked, the student managed to leave the house after receiving a call from a friend and hurried home.

She later confided in her parents, who took up the matter with the college. **BMB**

## Halasuru drug bust nets 10kg ganja

The Halasuru Gate Police have arrested a 31-year-old man for allegedly peddling ganja and seized 10.43 kg of the contraband, valued at ₹10.45 lakh.

The accused has been identified as Kushal, while the identity of his associate has been withheld. Acting on a tip-off, police on patrol near KG Road, in front of Bannappa Park, received information about a man selling ganja on the footpath at inflated prices.

Acting swiftly, the police conducted a raid in the presence of a gazetted officer and apprehended Kushal. The team seized 1.415 kg of ganja, eight plastic zip covers, a blue plastic packet wrapped in khaki tape, a black bag, ₹600 in cash, and an Aadhaar card.

Investigation revealed that Kushal had sourced the contraband from another supplier. A follow-up raid at that person's home led to the recovery of 9.021 kg of ganja. **BMB**

## Domestic fight turns fatal in Peenya

A 26-year-old woman, who had been fighting for her life after being hit with a rolling pin in front of her two children by her husband over a trivial matter in Chokkasandra near Peenya, succumbed to her injuries a week later.

The deceased, identified as Preeti Singh of Madhya Pradesh, worked in a private company where her husband, Chotelal Singh (27), was employed as a helper. Police said the incident occurred on September 24, when Chotelal picked a quarrel with his wife after she returned home for lunch. Enraged when she delayed giving him water, he attacked her with a rolling pin, striking her severely on the head and body. Preeti collapsed with serious injuries and slipped into a coma, after which Chotelal rushed her to a hospital in T Dasarahalli. In an attempt to cover up his crime, he falsely told doctors that his wife had fallen from a building.

However, the couple's two children informed their mother's employer about the attack. The employer lodged a complaint at Peenya Police Station. Police detained Chotelal the following day for questioning, during which he confessed to the assault. He was arrested, produced before court on the same day, and remanded to judicial custody. Despite receiving treatment for several days, Preeti did not recover and passed away on October 2. Following her death, police altered the charge from assault to murder. Police said further investigation is underway. **BMB**

## Man found shot in living quarters

A 34-year-old security guard was found dead suspiciously with gunshot injuries in his living quarters near Ambedkar Medical College, sparking a police investigation into whether the incident was a suicide or a murder.

The deceased has been identified as Lakhan Vishwakarma, a native of Bihar, who had been working at the hospital for the past one-and-a-half weeks.

Police said the incident occurred on Sunday night, when Vishwakarma was allegedly found dead with gunshot wounds near the chin, believed to be from a double-barrel firearm, inside the quarters allotted to him.

His colleague, who is also his roommate, Ranjan, informed the police about the incident on Monday morning, following which officials from DJ Halli Police Station rushed to the spot and registered a case of suspicious death. "The case is under investigation. Once the post-mortem report is available, we will be able to ascertain whether this is a case of suicide or murder," a senior police officer said. The body has been shifted to a hospital for post-mortem examination. The investigation is ongoing. **BMB**

## Car runs over 11-month-old

An 11-month-old boy died after being run over by a car in Kempegowda Nagar on Magadi Main Road, under the jurisdiction of Kamakshipalya Traffic Police, on Monday morning.

The deceased has been identified as Azaan, a native of Kunigal in Tumakuru district. His parents, who had come to visit relatives staying in a rented house, witnessed the tragedy unfold. Azaan's father works as a canter driver, while his mother is a homemaker.

According to police, the accident occurred around 9:45 am when Swamy (32), the house owner and an RTO agent, was leaving for work. He had parked his car in a 10 × 10 ft parking space and noticed the toddler sitting with his mother, who was folding clothes nearby. After starting the car, Swamy reportedly waited briefly before moving forward.

Hearing the engine, Azaan is suspected to have crawled towards the front right wheel. Unaware of the child's movement, Swamy drove ahead, fatally crushing him. The child died on the spot. Based on a complaint by the mother, a case was registered against Swamy. Police confirmed that he was arrested and later released on station bail. **BMB**

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# City strengthens sanitation with 16 newly upgraded sewage treatment plants

## Municipal authority enhances infrastructure to manage rising wastewater, boosting recycling efficiency and supporting sustainable water supply across urban communities

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To strengthen the city's wastewater management system, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has completed the construction and upgrading of 16 sewage treatment plants (STPs), which are now ready for operation.

### Expanding capacity after Cauvery Stage V

BWSSB currently manages more than 11,894 km of underground sewer lines across the city. With the implementation of the Cauvery Stage V project, the city's water supply capacity has risen to 2,225 MLD (million litres per day). As a result, Bengaluru is now producing nearly 2,100 MLD of wastewater daily, necessitating a proportional increase in treatment capacity.

A BWSSB official said, "At present, 34 STPs with a combined capacity of 1,381 MLD are functioning. To bridge the growing gap, BWSSB has undertaken the construction of 26 new STPs at a cost of ₹1,382 crore, adding a capacity of 470 MLD. Of these, eight new plants with a combined capacity of 69.5 MLD, built at an estimated cost of over ₹470 crore, are ready for commissioning. Alongside, eight old plants have undergone rehabilitation to enhance efficiency."

PICTURE FOR REPRESENTATION ONLY

Sewage treatment plant highlighting Bengaluru's upgraded waste water system

**The 16 plants were constructed and upgraded at a combined cost exceeding ₹1,382 crore, with several units rehabilitated to enhance efficiency and support future water supply projects**

### Delayed but now ready

Work on the upgraded units at Hagadur, Naganathapura, and Horamavu began in July 2021 and was initially scheduled for completion by January 2023. Construction of the six new plants started in January 2023 with a July 2024 deadline. Similarly, seven other upgrading projects launched in early 2023 were slated to finish by March 2024. However, multiple delays, including the implementation of Cauvery Stage V and related technical works, pushed back the timelines. Officials now confirm that all 16 plants are ready for operation. "After discussions with Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, the inauguration is expected to be scheduled shortly. Our ultimate goal is to ensure that all 2,225 MLD of water supplied to the city is treated and reused appropriately," a senior BWSSB official said.

### Where are the new plants?

The eight new STPs are located at:

- Jakkur – 5 MLD
- Pillaganahalli – 7 MLD
- Talaghattapura – 22 MLD
- Hemmigepura – 4 MLD
- Nagasandra – 5 MLD
- Sampigehalli (GLR) – 7.5 MLD
- Hagadur – 15 MLD
- Naganathapura – 4 MLD

### Revamped units

The upgraded plants and their capacities are:

- Halasuru – 2 MLD
- Kadugodi – 6 MLD
- KC Valley – 60 MLD
- Yele Mallappa Shetty Lake – 15 MLD
- Chikkabanavara – 5 MLD
- Nagasandra Phase 2 – 20 MLD
- Raja Canal Phase 2 – 40 MLD
- Horamavu – 3 MLD

# Pollution watchdog warns company to kick the butt

## Regulator demands immediate action plan and adherence to CPCB rules for handling hazardous butt waste across Karnataka

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The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) has directed ITC Limited to follow the National Green Tribunal (NGT) and Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) guidelines for the safe disposal of cigarette and bidi butts.

"The ITC Ltd must take up a pilot project with an NGO for the disposal of cigarette and bidi butts, implement the CPCB guidelines, and submit a proposal within four to five weeks," said KSPCB Presiding Officer and Chairman PM Narendraswamy.

During a personal hearing held on September 18, with ITC Limited regarding the disposal of cigarette and bidi butts in Karnataka, based on a complaint by Mahesh Reddy, Narendraswamy directed ITC Limited to submit the proposal for disposal.

Earlier, the Senior Environment Officer briefed the presiding officer on the reason for convening the personal hearing and noted that the KSPCB had given several opportunities to M/s ITC Limited to attend, but the company had failed to do so. The SEO stated that a final opportunity was given for a personal appearance, but the company again failed to attend the last meeting.

Pollution board officials discuss enforcement of green norms for cigarette waste management

The SEO said the CPCB had issued guidelines to ITC Limited to assess whether single-use cigarette filters could be included in the list of banned single-use plastic items or brought under extended producer responsibility as per the Plastic Waste Management Rules.

Meanwhile, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited Chief Operating Officer Ramamani stated that the BSWML had issued directions for a pilot project to place dustbins and collection bins in malls, on roads, and in other public places.

However, the advocate for ITC Ltd said that the company was not legally required to run a pilot project or place bins in malls or on the streets to collect cigarette or bidi butts. The advocate said that the CPCB guidelines from November 2022 were not legally binding and served only as suggestions. He added that ITC Ltd had undertaken several CSR activities under solid waste management and was ready to comply with the directions issued during the last personal hearing but required three to four weeks to align with the CPCB guidelines.

The Regional Manager of ITC Ltd added that while ITC had been recognised as an important stakeholder and cigarette manufacturer expected to take steps to manage waste from cigarette and bidi butts, the company was doing this voluntarily and not under any legal obligation. He also said that ITC was willing to work with an NGO, Serve Rural, to place a few bins in selected areas of Bengaluru, such as in malls and on some streets. He clarified that this was part of the company's voluntary social work, not something it was legally required to do.

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**2) Gautam Sukhdeo Makhija**
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**To,**
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WHEREAS the above named applicant have made an application to this Court U/S C.P.C order 41 rule 19 to restore Civil Appeal No 98/2004 against you,

You are hereby Notice to appear in this Court by yourself or by a Pleader duly instructed on the 07th November 2025 at 11 A. M. O'clock to answer your arguments in the said application and you are hereby ordered to produce all the documents on which you wish to rely in support of your defence on the said date. Therefore, please note that if you do not appear on above date, the said application will be heard in your absence and determined ex-party. Above mentioned application decision will be given in your absence.

This Public notice given under my hand and the seal of the Court on 04th October 2025.

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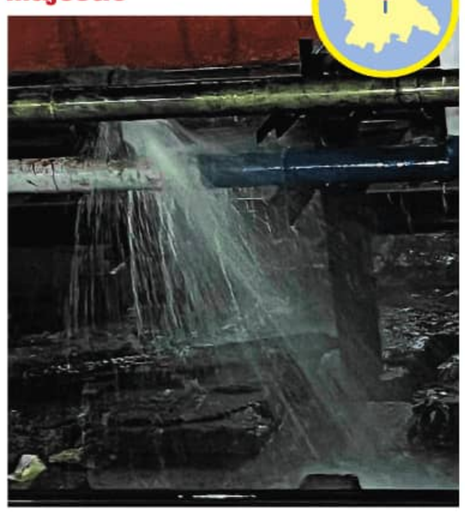
### Bumpy ride
**Varthur Road**

A deep pothole near the Airtel showroom on Gunjur–Varthur Road is forcing buses to take detours, increasing the risk of overturning.

### Wasted flow
**Majestic**



Water was wasted on Platform 8 at KSR Railway Station, recorded at 11:15 pm.

### Clean-up call
**Choodasandra**

Garbage is accumulating on 1st Main Road, KR Nagar, Choodasandra, due to BBMP inaction; residents are urging an immediate cleanup.

# Twin Tunnel may carve through heritage rock

## Nearly six acres of Lalbagh may be lost to the Twin Tunnel Project, sparking outrage over ecological destruction and heritage loss

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In response to an RTI application, Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Limited (B-SMILE) has revealed that about 23,800 square metres—nearly 6 acres—of Lalbagh will be acquired for construction of the proposed Twin Tunnel Road (TTR). This land lies along a 1.1-kilometre stretch of Siddapura Road between Ashoka Pillar and Marigowda Junction.

The plan involves building two tunnels, each 15 metres in diameter, and two ramps of 10 metres diameter, using powerful tunnel boring machines. These will pass directly through the historic Lalbagh Rock, declared a National Geological Monument and a geo-tourism hotspot by the Geological Survey of India (GSI) in 1975.

"I filed the RTI to find out the total land being taken in Lalbagh and the number of trees that will be affected by the proposed TTR. The response is shocking—Lalbagh is a treasure for tree lovers in Bengaluru. The rock they plan to damage is 3 billion years old and forms a unique part of the landscape. It is painful to witness a project that could decimate this greenery along with the rock," said a city-based environmentalist who filed the RTI.

Other environmentalists warn that geological consequences due to fractures, shear zones, fault zones, and major lineaments passing through the proposed alignment, including Lalbagh, are possible if the project proceeds. They stress that permission from the GSI is essential before any work begins in Lalbagh.

Trees will be felled, and apart from Lalbagh's flora and fauna, soil, water, air, the lake, and Lalbagh Rock will suffer. Traffic congestion around Lalbagh could increase, raising commute times, distances, and costs, along with heightened air and noise pollution. Construction disruptions could last several years.

The entry ramp from Ashoka Pillar will be less than 100 feet from Lalbagh Lake, potentially affecting underground water channels. This could trigger flooding or drying, threatening aquatic life.

According to Dr AN Yellappa Reddy, noted environmentalist and former Chairman of the Bangalore Environment Trust, rupturing the Lalbagh Rock could even cause water from Lalbagh Lake to reach the NIMHANS complex. "Tall buildings along the alignment have foundations of almost 100 feet depth. The tunnels will be between 50 and 100 feet deep. Won't this affect the stability of nearby structures? I recommend consulting the National Institute of Rock Mechanics before proceeding. Elected MLAs and MPs in Bengaluru must answer to its people. At no cost should Bengaluru Amma be forced to shed tears," he said.

Civic activists lament that repeated pleas for early, transparent public consultation have been ignored. They warn the project will bring overall disaster to Bengaluru, while alternative solutions—simpler, cheaper, safer, eco-friendlier—are being neglected.

"There will be entry and exit ramps to move mainly cars from nearby areas like Shantinagar, Wilson Garden, Dairy Circle, Jayanagar, towards Hebbal and back. During peak hours, the exit ramp ending near Marigowda Junction may get choked with cars, causing jams even inside the tunnel. This will increase emissions, noise, temperature, and driver stress," said Rajkumar Dugar, civic expert and founder of Citizen for Citizen.

With its potential impact on an internationally significant geological site, local ecology, urban traffic flows, and heritage value, the proposed TTR has become one of the most contentious urban infrastructure plans in Bengaluru's recent memory—one that many say needs urgent rethinking before irreparable damage is done.

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## Student denied extra attempt despite hardship

The Karnataka HC has ruled that courts cannot issue orders that contradict university regulations and norms.

Justice R Devdas made this observation while dismissing a plea filed by medical student Nisha R Kolyal from Dr Ambedkar Medical College and Hospital. Kolyal had requested an additional, fifth attempt to clear her Biochemistry examination, despite the university's rule limiting students to four attempts. Rejecting the plea, the bench stated that the request was purely a mercy petition based on personal hardship. Justice Devdas emphasised, "No court can pass an order contrary to the regulations and norms prescribed by the university."

The bench further noted that both the University and the National Medical Commission limit students to four attempts per subject. Given this, it concluded that it had no authority to intervene or grant exceptions. The petition was therefore dismissed. —BMB

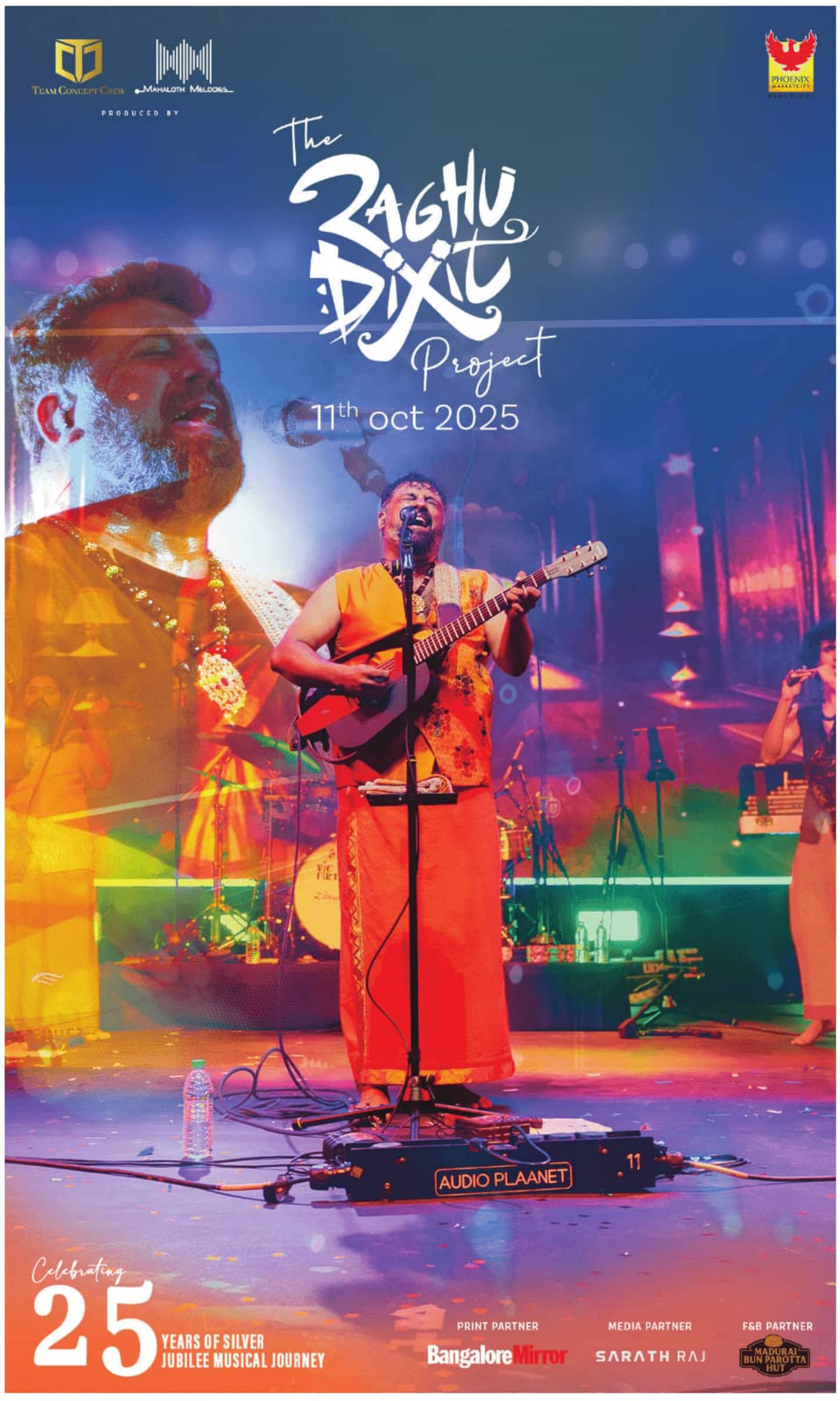
## Gangrape of minor: No bail for 68-yr-old

The Karnataka HC has denied bail to a 68-year-old man accused of participating in the gang rape of a minor girl, terming it a "ruthless" exploitation of her poverty, innocence, and community background. Justice S Rachaiah, dismissing the bail appeal filed by Channappar, observed that such conduct by an elderly man was particularly condemnable. The accused had sought bail after it was earlier rejected by the trial court. The bench noted that instead of acting responsibly or discouraging others, he joined in the assault. "The appellant, being elderly, should have guided others or informed village elders. Instead, he participated, which is outrageous," the order stated. —BMB

IN HIGH COURT

## K-RERA penalty order struck down

In a setback for the Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (K-RERA), the HC has struck down its order imposing penalties on builders for failing to submit quarterly project progress reports and annual audit statements under the K'taka Real Estate Act. The ruling provides temporary relief for developers challenging the regulatory body. The court noted that K-RERA's circular lacked legislative backing, emphasising that punitive action requires explicit legal authority, not administrative orders. Builders argued COVID-19-related delays made the penalties unfair. —BMB



# Forest staff shortage threatens wildlife safety

## Ongoing caste survey pulls trained forest personnel from critical duties, leaving Bannerghatta National Park vulnerable to poaching, human-wildlife conflicts ecological management

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Karnataka's ongoing Social and Educational Survey, widely known as the caste survey, has raised serious concerns about the safety and management of Bannerghatta National Park (BNP). Forest personnel, ranging from range forest officers to forest guards and members of the elephant task force, have been deputed for survey duties without prior communication or coordination from the office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife). Sources within the Karnataka Forest Department (KFD) revealed that BNP is currently without its usual complement of forest guards and key officers, leaving the park vulnerable to poaching and human-wildlife conflicts.

"All the DRFOs, RFOs, and guards, including elephant task force members, have been drafted for training and survey duties starting September 29. Instructions to join the survey as enumerators were given directly by the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes, which is conducting the exercise," said a source familiar with the matter.

The move has raised alarms because the Supreme Court and National Green Tribunal have consistently held that forest staff should not be assigned to electoral duties or similar administrative tasks. Their primary responsibility is to protect forests, manage wildlife, and prevent human-animal conflicts, which are often life-threatening and time-sensitive.

Bannerghatta National Park faces manpower shortage amid survey duties

**"In 2024–25, four human deaths and multiple serious injuries, along with property damage due to elephant attacks, were recorded in the Bannerghatta National Park division," the letter stated**

Due to the staff shortage, the KFD has written to the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), requesting exemption for 23 BNP personnel from survey duties. The letter, sent from the PCCF (Wildlife) office to the Chief Commissioner of GBA, emphasizes the heightened risk of poaching and human-animal conflict in BNP. Sources note that BNP, due to its proximity to Bengaluru, regularly faces incidents involving wildlife, especially elephants straying into farmland and urban areas.

### KFD's letter to GBA

"In 2024–25, four human deaths and multiple serious injuries, along with property damage due to elephant attacks, were recorded in the Bannerghatta National Park division," the letter stated. It stressed that patrolling staff, including forest guards and officers, are essential during the sowing season to protect crops, prevent wildlife from leaving the forest, and minimise conflict between humans and animals.

"Forest officers are trained to protect biodiversity, manage wildlife, and respond to emergencies in the field—not conduct household surveys. Diverting them from their primary duties risks weakening forest protection and monitoring while forcing them into unfamiliar administrative roles," said Giridhar Kulkarni, a wildlife conservationist.

Experts also point to the ecological importance of BNP. The park includes a vital elephant corridor connecting Bandipur to Satyamangalam. Ramesh Belagere, a wildlife researcher at the Foundation of Ecology and Education Development, warned, "If elephants stray out of BNP during this period, human-wildlife conflicts will increase. Without frontline staff, accountability and emergency response become unclear. The recent MM Hills incidents illustrate the dangers of understaffed wildlife zones."

The State Cabinet's decision to enforce survey participation has further compounded fears among KFD staff. Officials say disciplinary action may be taken against those who do not comply, a directive issued more than a week ago during a cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister HK Patil.

Responding to the concerns, Karnataka Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre stated that he has raised the matter with the Chief Secretary, requesting that KFD officials not be deputed as enumerators. "A note regarding this issue was sent to the Chief Secretary's office on October 6," Khandre confirmed.

While the caste survey is aimed at ensuring social and educational equity, experts and conservationists insist it should not come at the expense of environmental stewardship. They emphasise that withdrawing trained personnel from sensitive wildlife zones like BNP risks increased poaching, more human-wildlife conflicts, and the potential loss of biodiversity, undermining the very purpose of forest protection in the state.

## GST reform leaves K'taka revenue in peril

Karnataka is set to lose nearly ₹5,000 crore annually following the recent GST simplification that merged 175 goods into lower tax slabs. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has indicated that the state may seek compensation through legal or political channels, though experts warn that court action has slim chances of success.

At the GST Council meeting on September 3, all states, including Karnataka, unanimously backed reducing rates from four tiers (5%, 12%, 18%, 28%) to just two (5% and 18%). While the reform aims at simplification, Karnataka now faces a significant revenue shortfall.

Legal analysts argue that since GST functions under a cooperative federal framework, litigation may not yield results, as pre-GST state revenues were pooled and shared differently. Experts suggest Karnataka could achieve relief more effectively by pushing for additional support within the GST Council, similar to earlier cases of disaster compensation routed through the Supreme Court. **–BMB**

## Shrinking revenue pushes folk arts to brink

Karnataka's only state-run folk arts institution, the Janapada Parishat, is battling a financial crunch that threatens staff salaries and daily operations. The government's promised annual grant of ₹1 crore has not been released, leaving the institution dependent on shrinking revenues.

Ticket sales at Janapada Loka in Ramanagara and rental income from its on-site hotel, once significant, have fallen to ₹70–75 lakh after reduced tourist inflow following the Mysuru–Bengaluru Expressway construction. With 31 employees requiring ₹1.5 crore annually for salaries alone, funds are grossly inadequate.

Maintenance, electricity, and other operational costs remain unmet, putting Karnataka's folk arts preservation efforts in jeopardy. Experts warn that without immediate government intervention, the state risks a major cultural setback. **–BMB**

# Magadi uproar intensifies over Kempegowda statue relocation

## Protesters highlight dilapidated Ambedkar Bhavan, closed Magadi Fort moat, and failure to protect lakes, accusing authorities of misplaced priorities

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The members of the Sri Kempegowda Development Committee on Monday strongly condemned the proposal to relocate the Kempegowda statue situated in front of the Magadi Town Municipal Office. They accused local MLA HC Balakrishna of unilaterally deciding to shift the statue, which has stood at the site since its installation in 2003.

"It is a pity to see that there is no place for the Kempegowda statue in Magadi. We installed it more than two decades ago. Now, the MLA has decided to relocate the statue and cut hundreds of trees for a proposed hospital. Authorities have also failed to provide basic amenities at the existing hospital," said HM Krishnamurthy, founder-president of the Sri Kempegowda Abhivruddhi Samithi.

Krishnamurthy further criticised the lack of accountability in handling public resources. He recalled that Dr BR Ambedkar Bhavan was constructed in 2007, when Balakrishna was also the MLA, with tax-payers' money. "The building is already in a dilapidated condition and may be demolished within 20 years of construction. Is this not a complete waste of tax-payers' money?" he questioned.

Coming down heavily on the administration, Krishnamurthy said even basic civic issues remain unaddressed. "The tahsildar has not even taken measures to remove the carcass of a dog lying in front of his office. Authorities and the MLA have been terrorising people who question the lack of basic amenities," he alleged.

Kempegowda statue in Magadi Town; Members of Sri Kempegowda Abhivruddhi Samiti at Bangalore Press Club on Monday

He recalled that on December 7, 2024, a massive protest was held when authorities closed the southern moat of Magadi Fort. "The government has failed to protect lakes, ponds, and historical places. The Archaeological Survey of India, Mysuru, wrote a letter to facilitate a survey of Magadi Fort, but no official turned up due to reasons best known to the MLA and authorities," he said.

Meanwhile, Dalit leader Jayaram highlighted poor facilities in Magadi Town. "There are no toilets at the tahsildar office. Visitors are forced to use vacant spaces and dilapidated structures to attend nature's call," he said.

However, MLA HC Balakrishna defended the decision, clarifying that the statue would only be shifted around 100 meters away. "The government has sanctioned ₹40 crore for a hospital at the present site of the Kempegowda statue. Dr BR Ambedkar Bhavan will also be demolished to make way for a new building," he said.

**"The government sanctioned Rs 40 crore for the construction of a hospital at the location where Kempegowda statue was installed. Dr BR Ambedkar Bhavan will also be demolished to construct a new building** –HC Balakrishna, MLA

# Police intensify night vigilance across city

## Massive citywide operation uncovers traffic violations, narcotics cases and results in seizing of stolen vehicles; targeted operations and night checks to remain part of city police's crime prevention strategy

INFOCUS STOP DRUGS

FILE PHOTO

**Senior officers monitoring operation noted that crime rates during nights have reduced since launch of area command checks, prompting department to continue similar drives**

The city police have stepped up naka bandi operations in recent weeks, intensifying night checks and area command drives to curb crime, strengthen vigilance, and enforce traffic rules.

On the night of October 3–4, a massive citywide operation was carried out under the supervision of senior officers of the Bengaluru City Police. More than 1,000 policemen were deployed across strategic locations to monitor suspicious movement and enhance night security. Within 24 hours, the teams inspected over 5,000 vehicles, seizing 250 of them for operating without valid documents. Among these, 11 were identified as stolen vehicles.

The operation also led to the detection of 16 narcotics cases and over 50 instances of drunk driving. Several traffic violations were also booked as part of the drive. Senior officers monitoring the operation noted that crime rates during the nights have "drastically reduced" since the launch of such area command checks, prompting the department to continue similar drives in the coming days.

Just last week, in another large-scale crackdown, the police seized more than 1,200 two-wheelers across the city that were found using fake, tampered, or mismatched number plates. Acting on the orders of City Police Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh, night checks were intensified to identify violators attempting to dodge traffic fines. So far, 43 riders have been booked on cheating charges, and FIRs have been registered against all offenders.

Authorities have warned that while riders may attempt to outsmart traffic cameras with fake plates, enforcement teams on the ground are equipped to trace and seize such vehicles. Vigilant naka bandi checks, targeted operations, and strict enforcement will remain a consistent part of city police's crime prevention strategy.

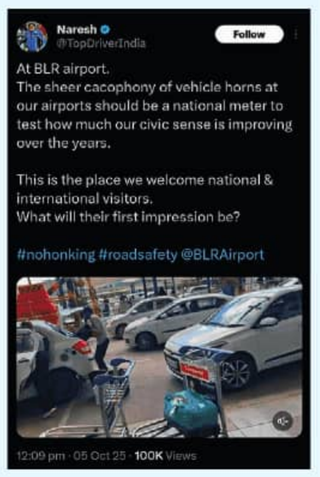
With stolen vehicle recoveries, drug cases, and drunk driving offences surfacing in each round of checks, officials stress that these operations are not just about traffic enforcement but also about tackling wider criminal activities across the city.

—BMB

## SOCIALTATTLE

### That went viral

A post on X by user @TopDriverIndia highlights the persistent noise and lack of civic discipline at Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport. The user remarks that the constant honking outside the airport could serve as a "national meter" of civic sense, questioning what impression such chaos leaves on arriving visitors.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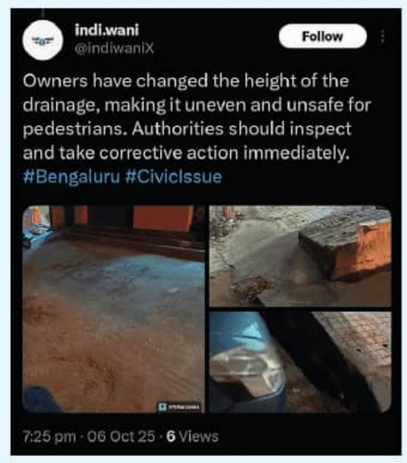
@indiwaniX highlights one significant issue that is seen across the city. The post reads: Owners have changed the height of the drainage, making it uneven and unsafe for pedestrians. Authorities should inspect and take corrective action immediately. #Bengaluru #CivicIssue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## INBRIEF

### Fruit market still thirsts for water even after two decades

Two decades after the APMC wholesale fruit market was shifted from Kalasipalya to Singena Agrahara near Kudlu Gate, traders and workers continue to struggle without a proper water connection. Spread across 29 acres, the market bustles day and night with hundreds of farmers bringing in tonnes of fruits from across states. Despite this, the APMC has failed to provide Cauvery water or basic facilities, forcing traders and labourers to rely on tanker supply for drinking, bathing, and sanitation. The shortage often leaves them dry, even as cleanliness drives and business activities continue uninterrupted.

With over 350 shops and hundreds of porters working daily, traders say the lack of water is only part of the problem. Traffic chaos, absence of a police station, and poor road connectivity add to their woes. "Cauvery water connection is essential for traders and workers. A police station must also be established to handle frequent disputes and regulate the heavy traffic," said V Siddareddy, Honorary President of Bengaluru Fruits & Mango Wholesale Commission. Meanwhile, APMC officials revealed that 42 acres of adjoining land have been cleared after legal disputes, and plans are underway to create a dedicated 10-acre mango market, as Bengaluru currently lacks an official one outside Srinivasapura. Fruits from Karnataka and across India flow through Singena Agrahara daily, but until water flows too, this market remains a thirsty hub of trade.

—BMB

### Streamlining B'luru's rail traffic

To ease train operations and prevent accidents, the Railways has taken up installation of automatic signalling systems across six major routes in Bengaluru, covering a total distance of 639.05 km at a cost of Rs 874.12 crore.

The project spans Bengaluru City–Yeshwanthpur–Yelahanka (17.75 km), Yeshwanthpur–Arsikere (160.65 km), Lottegollahalli–Hosur (63 km), Whitefield–Jolarpet (119 km), Baiyappanahalli–Penukonda via Channasandra (139.8 km), and Bengaluru City–Mysuru (138.25 km). At present, automatic signalling is available only on the KSR Bengaluru–Whitefield stretch, with the rest still managed manually through relay rooms. Officials said the new system will allow three to four trains to move within a block instead of just one, enabling faster clearances, reduced delays, and improved efficiency. By minimising human intervention and allowing trains to run at shorter intervals, the system will increase capacity and speed, providing smoother services for passengers.

—BMB

### 34 more immovable properties worth Rs 40 crore attached in MUDA case

Widening its probe into the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) scam, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Saturday provisionally attached 34 immovable properties worth Rs 40.08 crore under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

The investigation, based on a Lokayukta Police FIR, exposed how former MUDA Commissioner GT Dinesh Kumar routed and layered huge bribes through relatives and associates to acquire properties. Probes also found he had illegally allotted 31 MUDA sites in gross violation of government orders and site allotment rules. Earlier searches revealed a nexus between MUDA officials and real estate businessmen, where sites were allotted in exchange for cash. The ED has so far attached properties valued at Rs 440 crore in the case.

—BMB

### Cough syrup sample collection and testing underway

In the wake of cough syrup-related tragedies reported in some other Indian states, Karnataka has moved into high alert mode. As a precautionary measure, samples of cough syrups from all pharmaceutical companies are being collected and tested.

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao stated that no substandard cough syrup has been supplied in Karnataka so far. The Health Department has taken early action to ensure quality control, and the state's Drug Control Department has already been vigilant in this regard. Karnataka is among the leading states in India in terms of proactive drug testing, the minister added.

The Health Department has also been instructed to issue formal guidelines on the safe use of cough syrups.

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I, (Shyni Chako) W/O (P.A.Chakochen) born on (10/04/1972) residing at (no 3 7th B Main JP park Muthyalanagar Bandappa Garden Blore-560054), have changed my name to (Shiny Chako) vide affidavit dated (29/09/2025) at (Bangalore).

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I, Udaya Kumara B K S/o Krishnegowda R/o #13, Banukuppe, Mavanoor, Hasan Karnataka-573220 have changed my name to Uday Kumar BK.

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Public are hereby notified that my client proposes to purchase the Item No. 1 and 2 Properties described in the Schedule herein from **Smt. R. LAVANYA SRINIVAS,** Wife of Sri. R.Srinivas, Ramaiah Garden, Vidyasagara, Thanisandra Main Road, SRK Nagar Post, BANGALORE-560077, who has represented that she purchased the Site in Item No.1 from her vendors Smt. Uma and others in terms of a Sale Deed dated 04/06/2015, registered as Document No.1673/2015-16 in Book-I and stored in C.D. No. KRID 557 in the Office of the Sub- Registrar, Krishnarajapuram, Bangalore and acquired the Site in Item No.2 in terms of a Gift Deed dated 12/06/2003, registered as Document No.4831/2003-04 in Book-I and stored in C.D.No. 91 in the Office of the Photo Registrar, Krishnarajapuram , Bangalore (Urban) District, read with Deed of Rectification dated 23/04/2025, registered as Document No. BNS-1-01122-2025-26 in Book-I and stored in Centralized Data Cell in the Electronic Form in the Office of the Sub- Registrar, (Shivajinagara), Banasavadi, Bangalore executed by her father Sri.H. Ramappa and constructed a building which is utilized for running an educational institution/School . Any person or persons objecting for the proposed purchase and any persons who are having any right, title, interest or ownership or any other right or claim in the Schedule Property including by way of any agreement or otherwise shall lodge his/her/ their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within **Fifteen (15) days** from the date of this publication. Further, claims or alleged interest or objections if any, which are not received within Fifteen (15) days from the date of publication of this notice shall be considered to have been consciously waived or abandoned for all intents and purposes and shall no longer be considered. Any objections and/or claims and/or response received thereafter will not be considered by my client and my client will proceed to purchase the Schedule Property as if there are no claims/objections.

**SCHEDULE**

**Item No.1** All that Property being Site No.24 with building thereon presently bearing Municipal 5334/Sy.No.30/2/Site No.24 (EPID No.3421987588), situated in Municipal Ward No. 54 of Hoodi, Varanasi also known as Jinkethimmanahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk and built on Site measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 1600 Sq. Ft., area and the Property is bounded by: **East by :** Road **West by :** Site No.23 **North by :** Road and **South by :** Site No.25

**Item No.2** All that Property being Site with building thereon presently bearing Municipal No. Sy.No.108/30/2 (EPID No.2053182655), situated in Municipal Ward No. 54 of Hoodi, Varanasi also known as Jinkethimmanahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk and built on Site measuring East to West 135 feet and North to South 165 feet, totally measuring 22275 Sq. Ft., area and the Property is bounded by: **East by :** Road **West by :** Private Property **North by :** Private Property and **South by :** Panchayath Road

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## Third in metro fatalities

Bengaluru recorded 4,414 accidental deaths in 2023, making it the third-highest among 53 cities after Mumbai (8,973) and Pune (5,053). The city accounted for 6.8% of total deaths under 'Other causes', reflecting its growing urban risk profile. Mumbai led with 13.7% of such deaths, while Pune contributed 7.7%, highlighting the concentration of fatalities in major urban centers.

When population is factored in, Bengaluru's accidental death rate is notable, though lower than some peers. Mumbai, with a population of 163.2 lakh, has a rate of 5.3 deaths per lakh population, while Bengaluru, with 87 lakh residents, records a rate of 12.8 deaths per lakh, indicating that proportionally, Bengaluru's residents face a higher risk compared to larger metros like Mumbai and Delhi. This makes the city's roads and workplaces significantly more dangerous on a per-capita basis.

# Truck-milling machine crash kills 3, injures 24

An accident on the Bengaluru–Chennai Expressway near Kalkere village in Bangarpet claimed three lives and injured 24 others on Monday evening. A speeding milling machine vehicle collided forcefully with a mini truck carrying catering staff, triggering chaos on the busy highway.

The crash's impact caused the mini truck to overturn and slam into a stationary ambulance parked nearby, resulting in the immediate death of the ambulance driver.

The mini truck, owned by a catering company, was returning from an event with around 22 staff onboard. Emergency responders and police rushed in to assist the injured, transporting them to hospitals in Kolar, KGF, and Bangarpet. The deceased identified so far include Vikrampal, the ambulance driver on duty, and Shivaraju, the mini truck driver, while the third victim's identity remains unknown. **BMB**

# Hiring of 545 PSI (Civil) posts put on hold

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been struck down by the Tribunal in an earlier case (Sagar Babu Satwar v. State of Karnataka). Although the state government has appealed the decision before the High Court, the matter is still pending.

Despite this legal uncertainty, appointment orders were issued and the 40 candidates were asked to report for training. The Tribunal's interim stay has now suspended the selection list and barred any further appointments or training, warning that defying the order could amount to contempt of court. The next hearing is scheduled for October 9.

## Fresh age relaxation

Even as litigation stalls the PSI process, the state government recently relaxed the maximum age limits for police recruitment. Home Minister G Parameshwara, following a review meeting, directed amendments to cadre and recruitment rules to widen eligibility.

The new limits raise the upper age to 32 years for SC/ST and backward class candidates and 30 years for general category candidates for PSI posts. For constables, the limits are now 30 years and 27 years, respectively, which is expected to create employment opportunities for thousands of aspiring candidates.

But, the persistent delays have become a major concern among police officials, who warn of a growing discrepancy between sanctioned strength and actual strength across the state. With less working force, districts already grappling with rising crime and law-and-order challenges face even greater strain due to overburdened manpower.

While sanctioned numbers exist on paper to bolster the force, ongoing legal disputes and procedural hurdles are stalling recruitment. The effect is a cascading delay, even if the recruitment process restarts next year, the time needed to complete selection, training, and joining would mean that new recruits would only take their places in the force two years down the line. In the interim, retirements, promotions, and attrition could widen the gap further.

## 'Rising pressure on the current force'

A former senior officer attached to the Bengaluru City Police told BM that the ongoing delays in recruitment are likely to create a serious vacuum within the police force, both at the officer and constable levels. With no fresh recruitment in more than four years, he said, the existing personnel are working under severe stress. Promotions, retirements, and transfers will only widen the gap further, putting additional pressure on an already overburdened force.

"The police service operates round the clock. Officers are on call at any time of the day, which takes a toll on their physical and mental health," the officer said. "Irregular food habits, lack of rest, and minimal exercise affect their efficiency. Fatigue, irritability, and behavioural issues are becoming common. When officers work under constant pressure, they cannot give their best to the public, it becomes a form of workplace harassment for those in uniform."

On the issue of age relaxation, he said the move, meant to address recruitment delays, may have unintended consequences. "Policing demands physical endurance and mental alertness, both of which are higher at a younger age. Extending the upper age limit from 23 to 25 and now to 27 for constables, and to 30 for PSIs, could impact the quality of training and overall performance. They are humans, not machines," he cautioned, adding that recruitment of the right people at the right age should be done to maintain efficiency and discipline in the force.

Former police officers point out that while the current stay orders apply only to PSI-level recruitment, the shortage is even more severe at the constable level. They emphasise that immediate recruitment at the ground level is essential to sustain effective policing, as prolonged vacancies risk undermining both morale and operational capacity across the force.

**HEALTH TIP:** When you drink warm water, it will help relax the muscles in your digestive tract, which will allow trapped gas to pass more easily

Drinking warm water throughout the day can make your digestive system better

# DO KIDS REALLY NEED VITAMIN SUPPLEMENTS?

## Children need broad range of vitamins and minerals, but ideally from food they eat

Walk down the health aisle of any supermarket and you'll see shelves lined with brightly packaged vitamin and mineral supplements designed for children.

These products promise to support immunity, boost brain development and promote healthy growth – leading many parents to believe they're a necessary addition to their child's diet. For parents of fussy eaters in particular, supplements may feel like a quick and reassuring solution. But are they actually needed?

### The nutrients children really need

It's true that children require a broad range of vitamins and minerals – such as vitamins A, B, C, D, E, and K, along with folate, calcium, iodine, iron and zinc – for healthy development. These nutrients play essential roles in brain and nerve development, vision, bone strength, immune function, metabolism and maintaining a healthy weight.

However, for most healthy children, these nutrients can and should come from food – not from supplements.

Even children with selective eating habits typically receive adequate nutrition from everyday foods, many of which are fortified. Common staples such as breakfast cereals, milk and bread are often enriched with key nutrients such as B vitamins, iron, calcium and iodine.

### What the science says about supplements

Although many children's supplements claim to support immunity, growth, or overall well-being, there is little robust scientific evidence that they improve health outcomes or prevent illness in otherwise healthy children.

Leading health bodies advise that children who consume a varied diet do not need additional supplementation.

Research consistently shows that getting vitamins and minerals through whole foods is superior to taking them in supplement form. Foods provide these nutrients along with fibre, enzymes, and bioactive compounds, such as phytochemicals and healthy fats, which enhance absorption, metabolism and overall efficacy in ways isolated supplements cannot replicate.

### Potential risks and unintended consequences

Parents should also be aware that supplements are not risk-free.

Fat-soluble vitamins – such as A, D, E and K – can accumulate in the body if consumed in excess. If they reach toxic levels, they can cause health issues. In the case of A and B vitamins, these issues can be severe and even cause death.

High doses of other water-soluble vitamins, such as vitamin C, may not be dangerous, but can cause side effects like diarrhoea or interfere with the absorption of other nutrients.

Many children's supplements are flavoured or sweetened to make them more appealing. While this might make them easier to administer, it also introduces added sugars and artificial ingredients into children's diets – potentially undermining healthy eating habits.

There is also a psychological dimension to consider. Routinely giving children supplements in response to normal eating behaviours, such as fussiness or selective food preferences, may inadvertently teach them that pills are a substitute for a nutritious diet, rather than a temporary aid.

### So, what should parents do?

The most reliable way to provide children with essential vitamins and minerals is through a varied and balanced diet. This means including dairy, meat, poultry, fish, wholegrains, nuts, seeds, legumes, and a colourful array of fruits and vegetables.

If you're regularly negotiating with a pint-sized dictator over a single pea, rest assured you're far from alone. Research shows nearly half of children go through a phase of picky eating – a behaviour rooted in our evolutionary past.

Early humans developed an aversion to unfamiliar or bitter foods as a survival mechanism to avoid potential toxins. At the same time, they learned to seek out and store energy-rich, palatable foods to survive periods of scarcity.

So, how can parents gently encourage toddlers to embrace healthier, more colourful food options?

Mix things up. Blend less nutritious beige or white foods with healthier ingredients. For example, add cannellini beans and cauliflower to mashed potatoes to boost nutrient content without sacrificing familiarity.

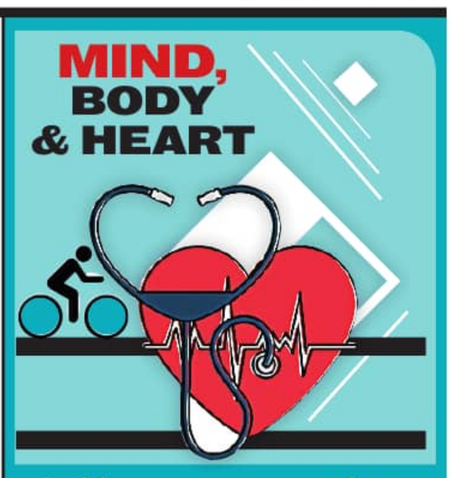
- Make healthy swaps. Gradually replace white bread, pasta and rice with wholegrain versions. Start by mixing brown rice into a serving of white rice to ease the transition.
- Use familiarity to your advantage. Pair new, colourful foods with familiar favourites. Offer fruit dipped in yoghurt or add a vibrant red or green sauce to pasta, making new flavours less intimidating.
- By taking these small, strategic steps, parents can support their child's nutrition and help them develop a positive relationship with food – no matter how selective their tastes may be.

That said, there are cases where supplementation may be appropriate – such as children with diagnosed nutritional deficiencies, specific medical conditions, or highly restricted diets.

In these instances, parents should seek advice from a qualified health professional, such as a GP or paediatric dietitian. Warning signs may include symptoms such as persistent constipation or signs of impaired growth.

But for most children, vitamin supplements aren't necessary – they may be doing more harm than good.

*(By Nick Fuller, University of Sydney, The Conversation)*




## All you need to know about...

*Greening small spaces*

**Make The Most Of Vertical Spaces**

Small-space gardening is not a compromise but a creative exercise. The trick is to make use of vertical spaces. Planters on walls, trellises, and shelf modules allow you to introduce greenery without occupying floor space. Climbers and hanging pots produce tiered interest and provide space below for seating or storage. Vertical gardens also provide natural insulation, cooling your space and filtering the air.

**Get On Wheels**

Another intelligent idea is to employ small, portable planters such as pots on legs or trolley trays. These enable you to move around your garden in accordance with sunlight or the time of year. Select items that do double duty, such as a bench with planter boxes or a rail shelf that can also act as a herb garden and a place for your morning coffee. Add depth by mixing different heights of pots, combine textures with ceramic, terracotta, or metal, and layer leaves with tall plants in the corners and short ones at eye level.

**Stay Light**

Lighting is also an important part of maximising your space. Pendant lights with warm bulbs, solar lights, or hanging lights can totally transform the atmosphere of your space. Design these spaces with a slow and mindful process. They must mirror your rhythm, be it a journaling corner for your mornings, a weekend garden terrace, or a green screen for your night calls.

With purposeful design and chosen elements, even a small balcony can be transformed into a sanctuary.

**— Radeesh Shetty, founder of Beruru, for Femina**

**MIRRORLIGHTS**

## Study relates social withdrawal in teenage with widespread effects across cognition

A study has related social withdrawal during teenage years with affected decision-making and social behaviour, indicating that the impacts of solitude during developmental years can have widespread effects across one's cognitive function.

Youth who preferred solitude were also found to have a more fragile cerebellum -- important in coordinating physical movement, balance and posture.

Findings published in the journal Cerebral Cortex suggest that teenagers who are socially withdrawn show measurable differences in brain structure and function, and that "social isolation in adolescence may be a risk factor for widespread alterations in brain regions supporting social function and mental health."

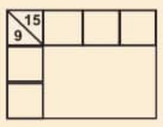
Lead researcher Caterina Stamoulis from Boston Children's Hospital in the US, said, "We confirmed that social isolation affects not only brain areas supporting social function but other processes as well. Its association with widespread brain circuits suggests that social isolation may increase risk for mental health issues."

Researchers analysed brain scans of nearly 3,000 teens whose parents were surveyed for their children's social behaviours, including whether they tended to withdraw or preferred being alone.

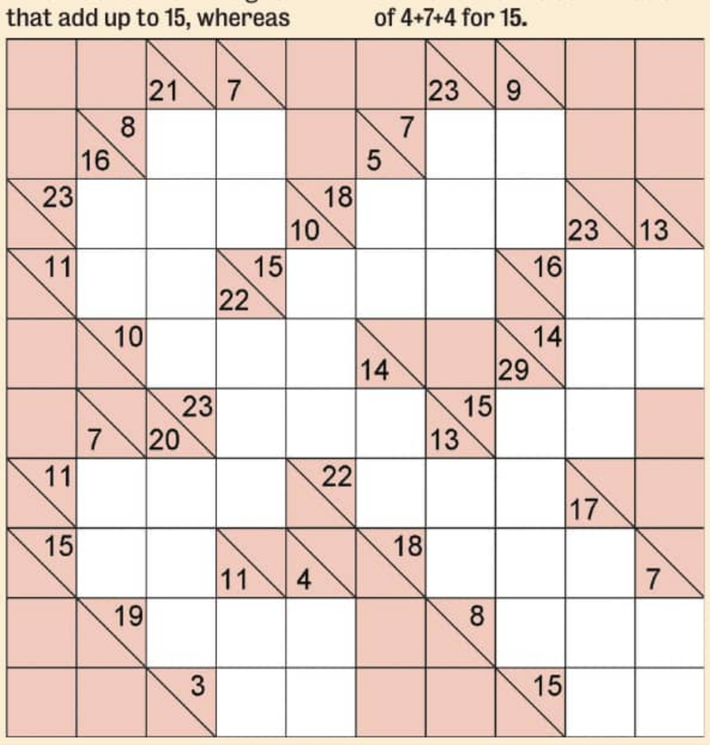
Teenagers who preferred solitude showed structural differences -- a lower thickness of the brain's outermost layer, cortex -- in brain regions that support social and emotional processing, including the insula and anterior cingulate, considered part of the limbic system. **—PTI**

## Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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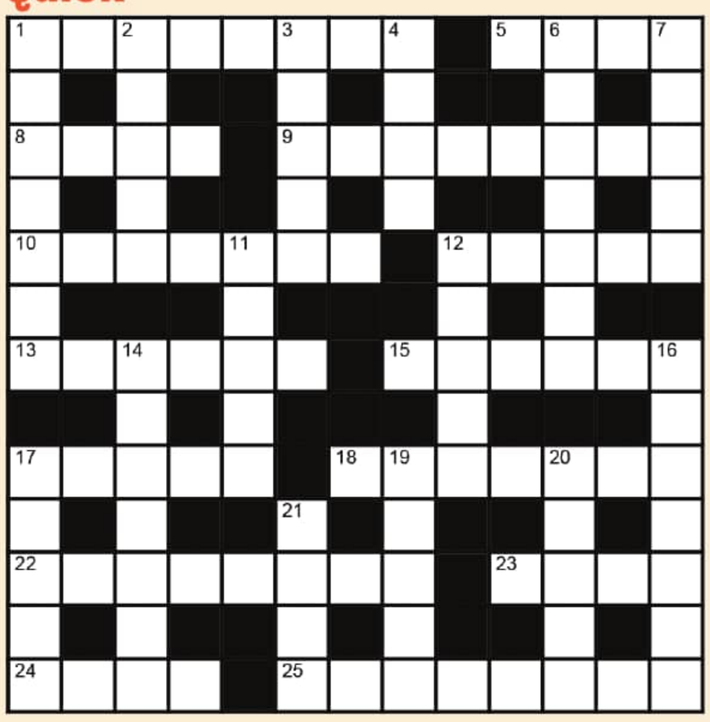


**ACROSS**

1 Ex-Indian tennis pro Vijay ___ (8)
5 Coup d'- ___ : change of Govt. (4)
8 Sand hill (4)
9 Our capital (3,5)
10 Pressured or compelled (7)
12 Screen off or cut out? (5)
13 Consternation (6)
15 Most judicious (6)
17 Leave in the ___ : abandon or forsake? (5)
18 Theatre on Varthur Road (7)
22 Financially comfortable? (4-2-2)
23 Capital of Ukraine (4)
24 Ornamental band (4)
25 Hooligans (8)

**DOWN**

1 Brought something forward for consideration or proof (7)
2 Firing distance (5)
3 Wash out soap (5)
4 Tooth-bearing bones (4)
6 Cultivation of crops (7)
7 Wide or dense (5)
11 Train or prepare (5)
12 Creature (5)
14 Rolls of parchment (7)
16 Burglars (7)
17 Mowed grass areas (5)
19 Distant almost to the point of haughtiness (5)
20 Mediterranean isle (5)
21 Acrid or sullen (4)

## Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**Today's CLUE: H EQUALS T**

NWNIL DYWDGHDPN MG HON QDFH MF VTYPNY MG HON SMPOH BJ HON JMGDS MFFTN.

## Linemaro

What's a nice girl like you doing talking to a loser like me?

## Mindchow

You know more of a road by having travelled it than by all the conjectures and descriptions in the world

## Joke of the day

A bartender is just a pharmacist with a limited inventory

## Loop

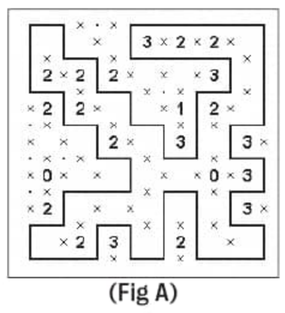
### Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

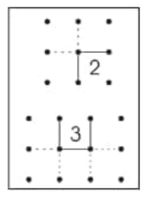
### How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

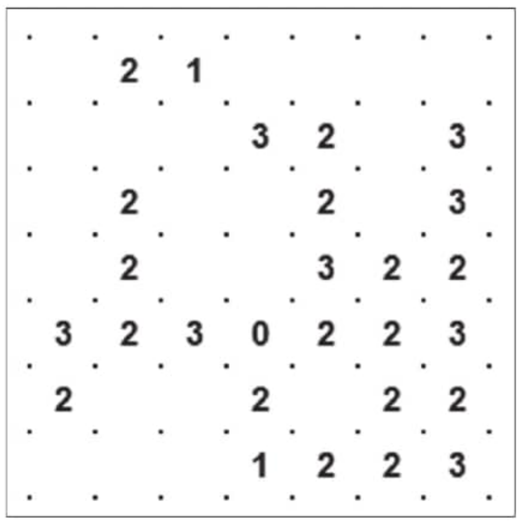
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



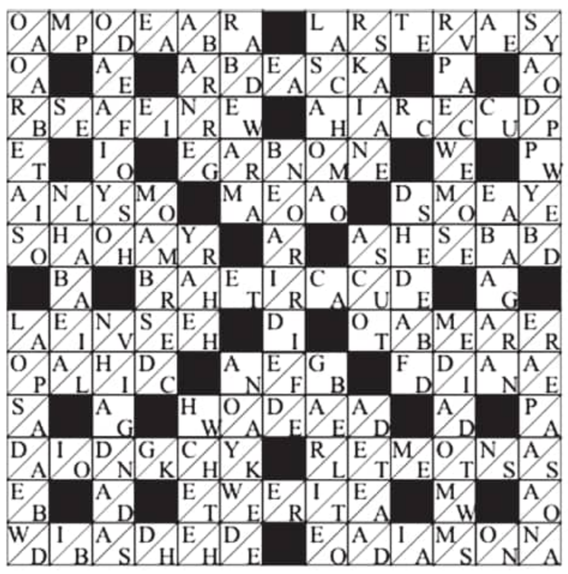
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



## Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

## Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | | | | |
| 7 | | | | |
| 8 | | | | |
| 9 | | X | | |

**ACROSS**

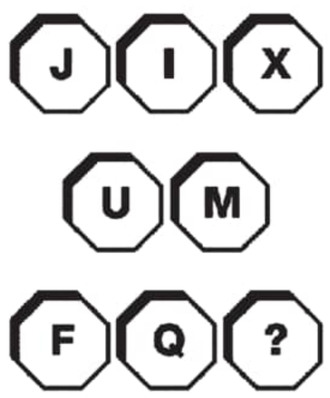
1 Writs; 6 Rho no; 7 Laded; 8 Veere; 9 Fed ox

**DOWN**

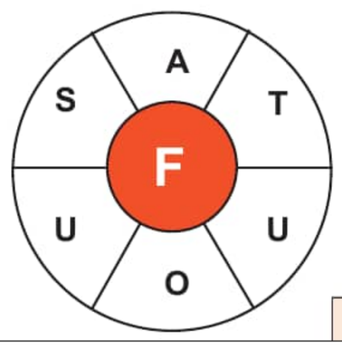
1 HF war; 2 Do roe; 3 Nixed; 4 Loves; 5 Deter

## Mensapuzzle

Which letter completes the puzzle?




## Bull's eye




How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

## SudokuChallenge

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 8 | 3 | | | | 2 | | |
| | 6 | | 8 | | | | 7 | 5 |
| 2 | | | | 6 | | | | 4 |
| | | | 9 | | 5 | | 3 | |
| | | 4 | | | | 5 | | |
| | 7 | | 1 | | 3 | | | |
| 9 | | | | 2 | | | | 3 |
| 5 | 1 | | | | 4 | | 9 | |
| | | 8 | | | | 4 | 2 | |

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

## Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

**Easy** = 8

3 7 9 9

**Medium** = 4

2 2 4 8

**Hard** = 4

3 3 6 9

## Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

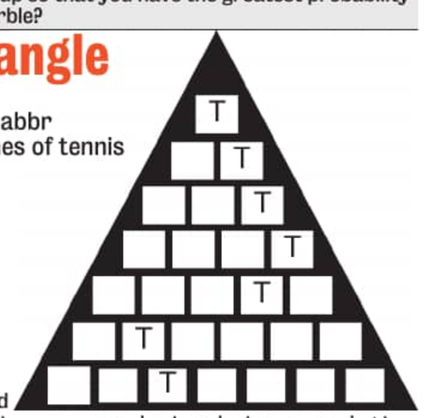
Differences: 1. Hand is moved. 2. Man has less hair. 3. Picture on wall is higher. 4. Hatbox is larger. 5. Newspaper is longer. 6. Ribbon on box is missing.

## Riddler

You are a prisoner sentenced to death. The Emperor offers you a chance to live by playing a simple game. He gives you 50 black marbles, 50 white marbles and 2 empty bowls and instructs you to divide the 100 marbles into the two bowls. You can divide them however you want as long as all the marbles are in the bowls. You will be blindfolded and the bowls and marbles will be thoroughly mixed. You will then choose a single marble from one of the bowls. If the marble is white, you live. Black and you will be put to death. How do you divide the marbles up so that you have the greatest probability of choosing a white marble?

## Alpha triangle

1 20th letter
2 Extraterrestrial. abbr
3 Six, or more, games of tennis
4 Referred
5 High homes
6 Beer mugs
7 Testifier in court

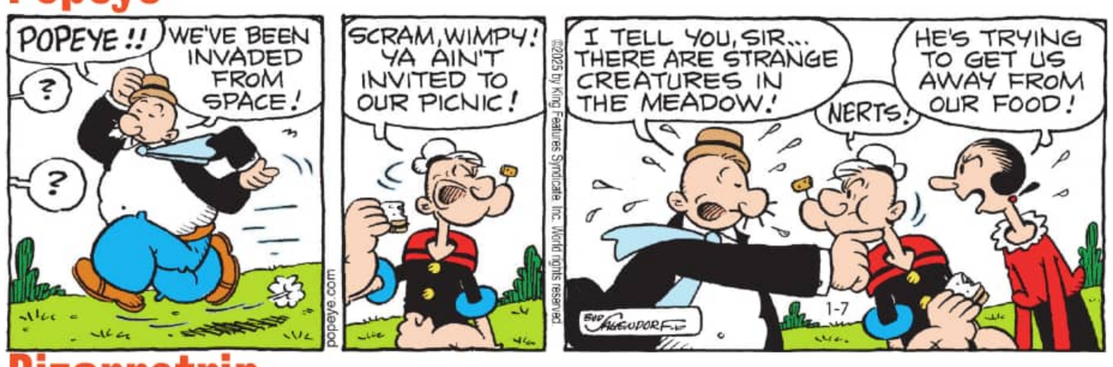


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

# COMICS

## Popeye


POPEYE!!
WE'VE BEEN INVADED FROM SPACE!
?
?
SCRAM, WIMPY! YA AIN'T INVITED TO OUR PICNIC!
I TELL YOU, SIR... THERE ARE STRANGE CREATURES IN THE MEADOW!
NERTS.
HE'S TRYING TO GET US AWAY FROM OUR FOOD!
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## Diamond Lil

## Hart of the city

WHERE'S JENNY AND HER FRIENDS?
OH, THEY BAILED! THE SECOND YOU STARTED SCREAMING, THEY WERE LIKE, "GOOD LUCK."
SOME FRIENDS.
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BUT WE DID IT! WE ALL CROSSED THE BRIDGE!
WE DID!
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WE'RE SO COOL AND BRAVE!!

## Crankshaft

DON'T REGRET... I'M UPSET... BOBA FETT... NOT DONE YET... WHAT I DID FOR LOVE!
CHRIS TOOK DAD TO SEE 'A CHORUS LINE' WHILE HE WAS IN NEW YORK.
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## Mutts

# WRITTEN IN THE STARS

DR SUNDEEP KOCHAR

## If it's your birthday today

This year highlights spiritual growth and inner wisdom. Intuition becomes sharper, guiding key decisions. Work may shift toward more meaningful pursuits, aligning passion with purpose. Relationships strengthen when honesty leads the way. Financial progress builds steadily, not hastily. Creative or meditative practices flourish. By year's end, you'll feel more connected to yourself, your community, and your deeper calling.

**Aries** Mar 21 – Apr 20

Loosen control—if love returns, it's meant to stay. Shed masks, reveal authenticity, and rewrite your chapter. Decide carefully who belongs in your story moving forward. Liberation feels powerful.

**Taurus** Apr 21 – May 20

The wheel of fortune turns in your favour. Pace consistently; opportunities fly towards you. Blend steady action with warmth and creativity. Share joy with loved ones while manifesting magical outcomes.

**Gemini** May 21 – Jun 21

Nostalgia or guardedness may restrict expression. Shift from head to heart; divine support surrounds you. Open up, trust cosmic backing, and let life surprise you with love again.

**Cancer** Jun 22 – July 23

A recent interaction sparks fresh perspective, and possibly financial opportunity. Harness excitement through dedicated action. Learn, grow, and move towards prosperity. Enthusiasm drives success and opens promising new paths for you.

**Leo** Jul 24 – Aug 23

Solo eorts haven't suced; seek help and collaboration. Shared resources bring clarity and ease. Travel, literal or metaphorical, guides toward peace, contentment, and long-term abundance that's aligned with soul.

**Virgo** Aug 24 – Sep 23

Teamwork delivers results today. Face challenges with courage but remain adaptable. Stand firm, yet embrace collaboration. New opportunities bring change; with flexibility, success and victory are guaranteed for you.

**Libra** Sep 24 – Oct 22

Excitement calls, yet research before diving. Plan strategically, wait for timing, and negotiate partnerships wisely. This is your cosmic genie moment—ask boldly for what you truly want.

**Scorpio** Oct 23 – Nov 22

Romantic dissatisfaction stems from deeper wounds. Childhood imprints shape patterns. Healing takes time, be gentle with yourself. Worthiness unlocks recognition and opportunities to shine, even when stepping forward feels scary.

**Sagittarius** Nov 23 – Dec 22

You may feel the need for stillness. Pausing amidst chaos clarifies vision and restores creativity. Gratitude for small luxuries recharges inspiration, feeding brilliant ideas that thrive with daily magic.

**Capricorn** Dec 23 – Jan 20

From challenges emerges strength. Past upheavals taught resilience and self-advocacy. Now begins a refreshing relationship with life itself. Honour lessons, embrace authenticity, and build grounded foundations for brighter days.

**Aquarius** Jan 21 – Feb 19

Disrupted plans redirect you to better paths. Creative outlets uplift, sleepless nights turn joyous, and manifestation accelerates. Expect breakthroughs as you express freely and embrace new directions.

**Pisces** Feb 20 – Mar 20

True mastery lies in faith. Replace disbelief with gratitude, acknowledge deserving abundance. Temper patience with trust; pieces align in time. Relationships and projects strengthen when belief fuels skill and heart.

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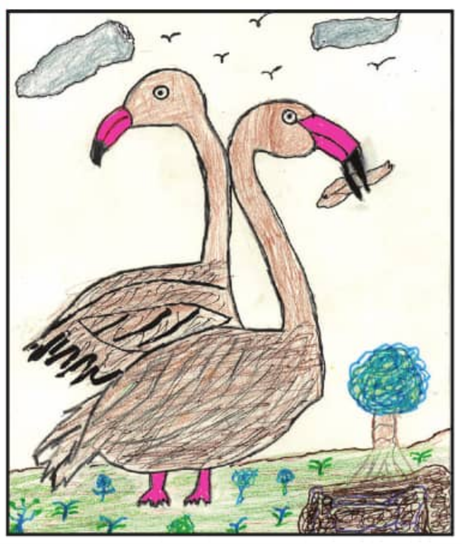
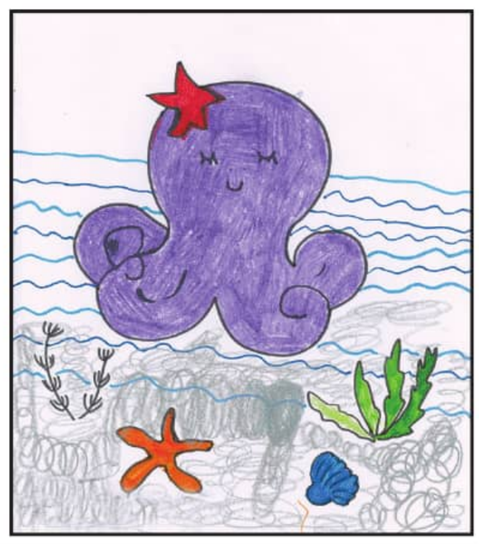


Dhruva R, 10 years, Little Angels English School



Jaelynn D, 9 years, Bengaluru

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# SOLUTIONS

**RIDDLER** Place one white marble in one bowl and place the rest of the other marbles in the other bowl (49 whites, and 50 blacks). This way you begin with a 50/50 chance of choosing the bowl with one white marble and living. Even if you choose the other bowl, you still have an almost 50% chance of picking one of the 49 white marbles. There are no guarantees in life, but this gives you the best chance of surviving.

**BULL'S EYE** fast, FATUOUS, sofa, soft

**SOLVE IN 1M** = (30÷4)/10 = 7.5/10 = 0.75

**FAST FIVE**

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**MENSA PUZZLE** B. Start with the J in the top left and move anti-clockwise around the shape in an hourglass shape. Letters advance through the alphabet in steps of 11letters at a time.

**QUOTE UNCODE** Every advantage in the past is judged in the light of the final issue.

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**ALPHA TRIANGLE** T, ET, Set, Sent, Nests, Stelins, Witness.

**GO FIGURE**

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9 − 3 / 6 + 3 = 4

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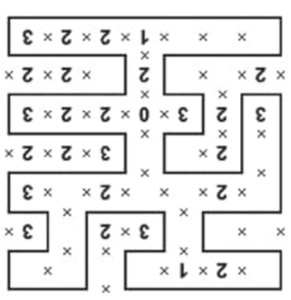

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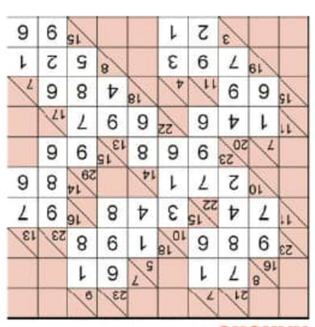

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**# All apologies**
Ektaa Kapoor issued a public apology to all the actors she has criticised over the years after her recent bout in advertisements

# A fine balance

## Aneet talks about how she managed to crack college on one hand and acting on other

Ahaan Panday and Aneet Padda became breakout stars with the release of Saiyaara. Aneet had earlier appeared in Salaam Venky (2022) and 'Big Girls Don't Cry'. In a recent interview, Aneet opened up about the emotional turbulence she experienced despite the praise that came her way after Big Girls Don't Cry. Balancing college and acting, she said she often struggled with anxiety, self-doubt, and the fear of financial instability in the entertainment industry.

Aneet shared that she felt "unsettled" while managing studies and shoots, and that being on set sometimes felt "culturally different" since she was surrounded by "big people." Despite maintaining composure outwardly, she was overwhelmed by contract discussions and travel schedules. "I didn't know if I would make it. Of course, I was doing things, but I didn't know if I'd have enough safety that I'd be able to make money only off of this. So I was still looking for other options, and what schools to apply to after college," she revealed in an interview with Cosmopolitan India.

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The actor credited Big Girls Don't Cry creator Nitya Mehra and director Karan Kapadia as her "Bombay parents," sharing that their encouragement came at a time when she needed reassurance about her talent and future. Around that same period, when she was 19, Aneet received a call from casting director Shanoo Sharma, who invited her to audition for Yash Raj Films. Although Aneet had to decline due to college commitments and a packed travel schedule, she described the moment as special: "Even getting that call from her (Sharma) was huge."

—ETimes

## SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

### From Canada

Abby V, who hails from Canada and is settled in Mumbai, debuts as a playback singer with multilingual movie Kantara: A Legend Chapter. Abby is excited about the positive feedback from directors and music directors. The song – Brahmakalasha – has become popular not only in Kannada but also Telugu, Tamil, and Hindi.

"I thank music director Ajaneesh Lokanath and his team for encouraging me to sing the song not only in Kannada but also other languages. The music director and I worked for more than a year on this song," Abby said.

Abby said that his parents are in Toronto and father is a singer. "I am very happy with the success of the song. I have already sung a few more songs in South Indian languages. I will reveal the names of those songs soon," Abby said.

He said he wants to settle down in Bengaluru as he likes the city very much. "As of now, I am staying in Mumbai to pursue my profession. I would love to settle down in Bengaluru. I like sambar and rasam. Bengaluru is known for not only pleasant weather but also for its food," he said.

### Sukhwinder's here

Sukhwinder Singh Grewal, also known as 'Giant Zanjeer', makes his Kannada debut with '666 Operation Dream Theatre' directed by Hemanth M Rao. He also shared the screen with Shah Rukh Khan in Jawan, and the most recent Bads Of Bollywood directed by Aryan Khan.

The team of 666 Operation Dream Theatre is leaving no stone unturned to mount the project on a huge scale. Currently, the shooting is going on in full swing. Speaking of the character, director Rao said, 'We needed a character that was menacing; someone who made even the big screen feel small. He is one of the gentlest people I've met on the sets which is quite the contrast to his gigantic personality. It is no exaggeration when I say we had to increase the height of the set to accommodate his personality," said Rao.

Set in the vintage era, the movie has teased audiences about it being a spy thriller. Sukhwinder said, "It is great to be a part of the Kannada film industry. Working in a project that has Dhananjaya and the legendary Dr. Shiva Rajkumar is an honour."

### Still male-dominated

Oscar-winning actress Julia Roberts feels Hollywood is a male-dominated environment after all her years in the film industry.

Roberts said that she can relate to her character Alma Imhoff in the new movie After the Hunt, who claims she had to be successful in a "deeply misogynist" world to become a professor at Yale University.

Asked if her experience mirrored Alma's, Roberts told The Sunday Times newspaper: "Well, it's still super-male! Make no mistake. But yes. Any woman in any job not populated in the majority by women can say Alma's speech."

"We've all had that experience. Any woman has. Because I often find myself sitting at a table and, maybe, there's only one other woman there," added the actress.

Roberts said she has had to be fearless to make herself heard in a male-dominated world.

She said: "In those sort of environments. I am without fear."

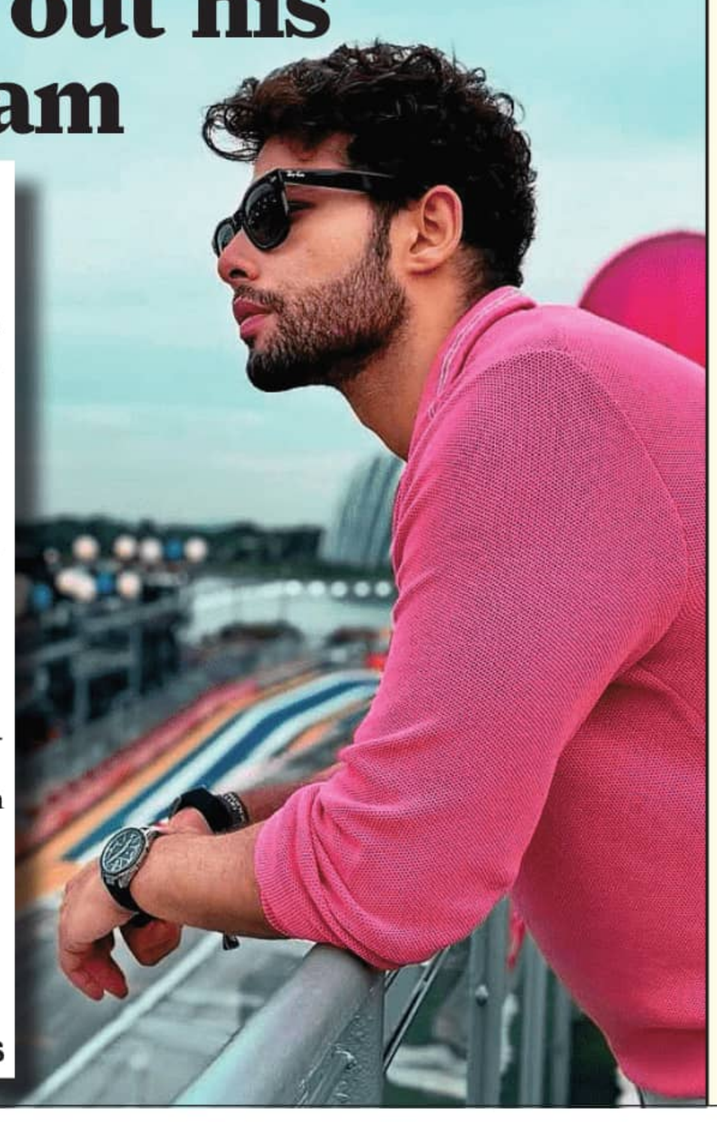
The actress said that she decided to accept a role in Luca Guadagnino's flick After the Hunt despite not being able to decide whether or not she liked the troubled university professor she portrays. The actress said: "Basically, when I became a parent, I learnt that I could not take a job unless I was fully committed to it..."

—IANS

### Kill sweeps Filmfare tech writing awards

Kill with five awards pipped Laapata Ladies ((4) at the 70th Hyundai Filmfare Awards 2025 with Gujarat Tourism's technical and writing awards. The conference was headlined by Rajkummar Rao and Tamannaah Bhatia. Other winners include: Bosco-Caesar for Best Choreography in Bad Newz for Tauba Tauba; Best VFX was awarded to ReDefine for Munjya, Ram Sampath was awarded Best Background Score for Laapataa Ladie In the writing categories, Aditya Dhar and Monal Thaakar won Best Story for Article 370. On October 11, the Filmfare Awards will be hosted by Shah Rukh Khan alongside Karan Johar and Maniesh Paul in Ahmedabad. The tickets can be bought on District.

### Siddhant lives out his Formula 1 dream



Siddhant Chaturvedi realized his Formula 1 dream at the Singapore Grand Prix as he attended the electrifying race weekend as part of the Heineken 0.0 campaign.

Posting a couple of glimpses from his time in Singapore on his IG, Siddhant penned,"Caught feelings at the pit lane. (race car emoji) @heineken_in #HeinekenF1 #MoreThanARace (sic).

Siddhant's appearance at the "F1" reflects a crossover between cinema, lifestyle, and youth culture.

He attended the event in the company of legends and the new guard — from former world champion Mika Häkkinen to young bloods like Lewis Hamilton, Charles Leclerc, George Russell, and Max Verstappen.

During the Singapore Grand Prix, the 'Dhadak 2' actor joined international icons and motorsport enthusiasts in celebrating adrenaline, precision, and passion.

With Brad Pitt's latest outing, "Formula 1" rekindling global fascination with the sport, Siddhant's also brought his Bollywood energy to the world's most glamorous racetrack.

Many big names from Bollywood gushed over the movie on social media. Kareena Kapoor enjoyed a fan girl moment with Hollywood heartthrob Brad Pitt.

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